

**U.S. District Court  
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)  
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:18-cv-02536-DLF**

JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. v. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF  
JUSTICE  
Assigned to: Judge Dabney L. Friedrich  
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 11/02/2018  
Jury Demand: None  
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of  
Information Act  
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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11/02/2018	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE ( Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number 0090-5771737) filed by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>2</u> Summons U.S. Attorney for the District of Columbia, # <u>3</u> Summons U.S. Attorney General, # <u>4</u> Summons U.S. Department of Justice)(Aldrich, Jason) (Entered: 11/02/2018)
11/02/2018	<u>2</u>	LCvR 26.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. (Aldrich, Jason) (Entered: 11/02/2018)
11/02/2018		Case Assigned to Judge Dabney L. Friedrich. (zmd) (Entered: 11/06/2018)
11/06/2018	<u>3</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued as to U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent) (zmd) (Entered: 11/06/2018)
11/15/2018	<u>4</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 11/15/2018. ( Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 12/15/2018.), RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 11/15/2018., RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE served on 11/15/2018 (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration of Cristina Rotaru)(Aldrich, Jason) (Entered: 11/15/2018)
11/21/2018	<u>5</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Damon William Taaffe on behalf of U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (Taaffe, Damon) (Entered: 11/21/2018)
12/17/2018	<u>6</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.(Taaffe, Damon) (Entered: 12/17/2018)
12/18/2018		MINUTE ORDER requiring the parties to MEET AND CONFER and file a joint status report proposing a schedule for further proceedings. The status report should address the status of the plaintiff's FOIA request, including the anticipated number of documents responsive to the request and the anticipated date(s) for release of the requested documents. The parties shall file the joint status report on or before January 21, 2019. Signed by Judge Dabney L. Friedrich on December 18, 2018. (JK) (Entered: 12/18/2018)
01/18/2019	<u>7</u>	MOTION to Stay by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Coles-Huff, Doris) (Entered: 01/18/2019)
01/22/2019		MINUTE ORDER granting in part the defendant's 19 Unopposed Motion for Stay of all Proceedings in Light of Lapse of Appropriations. It is ORDERED that the parties shall confer and file a joint status report proposing a schedule for further proceedings within seven days of Congress restoring appropriations to the Department of Justice. Signed by Judge Dabney L. Friedrich on January 22, 2019. (JK) (Entered: 01/22/2019)
02/01/2019	<u>8</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Taaffe, Damon) (Entered: 02/01/2019)
02/01/2019		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>8</u> Joint Status Report, it is ORDERED that the parties shall file another joint status report on or before March 4, 2019. Signed by Judge Dabney L. Friedrich on January 1, 2019. (JK) (Entered: 02/01/2019)
02/15/2019	<u>9</u>	NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTION OF COUNSEL by Christopher Charles Hair on behalf of U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (Hair, Christopher) (Entered: 02/15/2019)
03/04/2019	<u>10</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Hair, Christopher) (Entered: 03/04/2019)
03/18/2019		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>10</u> Joint Status Report, it is ORDERED that the parties shall file another joint status report on or before April 3, 2019. Signed by Judge Dabney L. Friedrich on March 18, 2019. (lcllf2) (Entered: 03/18/2019)
03/18/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines/Hearings: Joint Status Report due by 4/3/2019. (zcdw) (Entered: 03/23/2019)

04/03/2019	<u>11</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Hair, Christopher) (Entered: 04/03/2019)
04/04/2019		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>11</u> Joint Status Report, it is ORDERED that the parties shall file another joint status report on or before May 3, 2019. Signed by Judge Dabney L. Friedrich on April 4, 2019. (lcldf3) (Entered: 04/04/2019)
04/04/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines/Hearings: Joint Status Report due by 5/3/2019. (zcdw) (Entered: 04/05/2019)
05/03/2019	<u>12</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Hair, Christopher) (Entered: 05/03/2019)
05/06/2019		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>12</u> Joint Status Report, it is ORDERED that the parties shall file another joint status report on or before June 3, 2019. Signed by Judge Dabney L. Friedrich on May 6, 2019. (lcldf3) (Entered: 05/06/2019)
05/06/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 6/3/2019. (zcal) (Entered: 05/06/2019)
06/03/2019	<u>13</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Hair, Christopher) (Entered: 06/03/2019)
06/04/2019		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>13</u> Joint Status Report, it is ORDERED that the parties shall file another joint status report on or before July 1, 2019. Signed by Judge Dabney L. Friedrich on June 4, 2019. (lcldf3) (Entered: 06/04/2019)
06/04/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 7/1/2019. (zcal) (Entered: 06/04/2019)
07/01/2019	<u>14</u>	STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Hair, Christopher) (Entered: 07/01/2019)
07/02/2019		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>14</u> Joint Status Report, it is ORDERED that the parties shall file another joint status report on or before July 31, 2019. Signed by Judge Dabney L. Friedrich on July 2, 2019. (lcldf3) (Entered: 07/02/2019)
07/02/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 7/31/2019. (zcal) (Entered: 07/02/2019)
07/31/2019	<u>15</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Hair, Christopher) (Entered: 07/31/2019)
08/01/2019		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>15</u> Joint Status Report, it is ORDERED that the parties shall file another joint status report on or before August 30, 2019. Signed by Judge Dabney L. Friedrich on August 1, 2019. (lcldf3) (Entered: 08/01/2019)
08/01/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 8/30/2019. (zcal) (Entered: 08/02/2019)